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November 25, 1955

EVERARD H. SMITH, CLERK
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Honorable [REDACTED]
Secretary
Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi
Winona, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am sure you read in the newspapers last week about the arrest of a suspect in connection with the stabbing of three Mississippi high school boys in Washington. I released this information after being informed by my Washington Office that a hearing had been arranged on November 29th. Although, I had been informed on about October 24th that they had made the arrest, I cooperated with the Police Department and did not release the information at that time because it appeared likely that the second negro involved would be picked up.

As you know, this incident was quite disturbing to me and I have kept in constant touch with the Police Department and with the City Commissioner in Washington using such influence with them as I had as Chairman of the District of Columbia Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Committee, urging them to keep right after this case and not to leave anything undone. I shall continue to use all my influence to see that justice is done in this case.

I know of your concern and special interest in this case and I will be pleased to keep you informed of any further significant developments.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

JS:AFB